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The units of the 24th Mountain Battalion, belonging to the 8th Mountain Agrupacion which is commanded by Colonel Pedro Berdonces Marzalai, are stationed along the Pyrenees frontier as follows:

Headquarters, 1st Company, Accompanying Arms Company ... URDAX (Province of Navarre) and Company ...... TRUN (Province of Guipuzcoa) Erd Company and Ski Troops ...... ZUGARRAMURDI (Pro wince

of Mavarre)

Below is listed some of the armament of the battalion:

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Ast Company

Rifles (mosquetones)

- 2 Machine guns
- 2 50-mm. Mortars
- S Automatic rifles
- 8 Submachine guns

- 5 Automatic rifles
- 5 Submachine guns
- 25 9-mm., long-barrel pistols

Accompanying Arms Company ...... 10 Machine guns

- 2 Anti-aircraft machine guns
- 2 Mountain guns
- 3. Some of the officers of the 24th Mountain Battalion ere:

Commanding Officer of the battalion ...... (formerly) Lt. Colonel Fidel Fradal, who was promoted to Colonel and transferred to Burgos 1st Company ...... Moreno Moreno Ski Troops ..... ..... Cartain Eugenio Saracibal

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Gonzalez Lieutenant Juan Soro Blanco, of the Blue Division

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Accompanying Arms Company ..... Captain Rubio

On 15 November 1946, the 24th Mountain Battalion replaced the 21st Mountain Battalion (7th Mountain Agrupacion) which was sent to ELIZONDO. There had been numerous desertions from the 21st Battalion.

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